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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6366

BILL NUMBER: SB 163

DATE PREPARED: Nov 26, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Deputy Coroner Training.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill exempts a deputy coroner who serves beginning before January 1, 1996, from training and continuing education requirements. It requires that all training and continuing education of coroners and deputy coroners be conducted by a person whose principal place of business is in Indiana. The bill also voids the rule relating to coroner and deputy coroner training and continuing education.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This proposal would effectively exempt county deputy coroners in continuous service since January 1, 1996, from any mandatory training or continuing education.

The Coroners' Training Board (CTB), according to statute, may provide aid for approved deputy coroner training programs that meet the minimum requirements of the CTB. If a county deputy coroner who meets the above criteria were allowed to forego additional training, funds from the CTB that could have been used for approved training would not be expended. Currently, the Coroners' Training Board had total training expenditures for coroners amounting to \$100,000 in FY 2001. The current cost of training is approximately \$750 per deputy coroner. Training usually lasts five days and occurs two times per year. The estimated cost of training includes the following expenditures:

Expenditure	Amount
Hotel for five nights at \$79.00 per night	\$395
Cost of course material	\$500
Per Diem of \$26 X five days	\$130
Travel reimbursement at \$0.28 per mile	Based on total mileage

The Board has indicated there are currently 484 deputy coroners serving in Indiana. It is not possible to determine the number of deputy coroners continuously serving since January 1, 1996, due to high turnover. Therefore, the potential impact to the State is indeterminable and would depend on the number of qualified deputy coroners that choose to forgo additional training.

According to the provisions of this bill, all training and continuing education must be conducted by a person whose principal place of business is located in Indiana. Currently, the CTB conducts its own training and continuing education in house. The CTB also retains an out-of-state contractor to bring in and proctor its exams.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Coroners Training Board; Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: County Coroners.

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